

# District Court Judge

## Jo-Ann M. Chung, Third Judicial District



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Anchorage, AK 99501

**AGE:** 54

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Cambridge, MA

**SPOUSE’S NAME:** James Adam Bartlett

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 28 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Kenai 1995 - 1996  
Anchorage 1994 – 1995  
1996 to present

**EDUCATION:**  
Fairfield University, B.A. 1989  
Northeastern School of Law, J.D. 1994

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Law Clerk, Alaska Court of Appeals 1994-1995  
Assistant Public Defender 1995-1996  
Assistant Attorney General 1996-2001  
Assistant Municipal Prosecutor 2001-2011

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Fairness Diversity and Equality Judicial Committee –  
Cultural Competency Subcommittee member

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Biking, Skiing, Hiking

**OTHER:**  
I grew up and attended law school in the Boston area. During the summer of 1993, I interned at the Alaska Office of Public Advocacy. After graduating, I returned to Alaska to continue my career, as a law clerk, public defender, consumer protection and child protection attorney. I married my husband, Adam, in 2003. I worked as a domestic violence supervisor, trial supervisor, and Deputy Municipal Prosecutor for the Municipal Prosecutor’s Office.

**STATEMENT:**  
I love Alaska and have made this special place my home. When I arrived in Alaska in 1994 as a young lawyer, I immediately became enamored with the friendliness, the spirit, and the wildness of Alaska.

For me, it was a daunting task to go to law school and then overcome the challenges of litigating. So, I recognize that coming to court is an uncomfortable experience for many individuals. In the past 20 plus years, I have had the opportunity to have served as a law clerk, public defender, prosecutor, juror, and judge. These experiences have exposed me to the different aspects of the court system in Alaska, and I believe that the Alaska Court System strives to be fair to all people, whatever their backgrounds. As a judge in district court for the past 11 years, I have seen that a lot of people appearing in my courtroom are dealing with significant struggles and conflicts. Every day, I endeavor to listen and respond to people, with dignity and respect, as they confront difficult situations. I feel fortunate to have served as a state court judge, thus far, and hope to continue to have the honor of serving the public as a district court judge.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

## *Judge Jo-Ann M. Chung, Anchorage District Court*

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Chung met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Chung was appointed to the Anchorage District Court in May of 2011. Judge Chung handles civil and criminal cases. This is her third retention evaluation.

**Summary:** After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Chung met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Chung complied with judicial ethics standards.

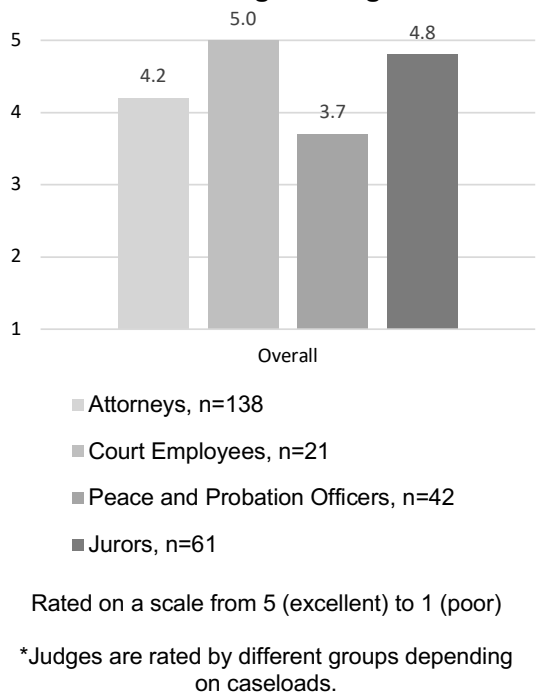
The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Chung in office.

**Survey ratings:** Attorneys who appeared before Judge Chung gave her excellent reviews, as did court employees. Peace and probation officers who appeared before Judge Chung gave her very good reviews. Jurors rated her very highly. One juror commented, “The judge was professional and courteous.” Complete survey ratings are available at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Professional activities:** The Council’s review of Judge Chung’s professional activities showed significant contributions to her community and to the administration of justice. Judge Chung made contributions in the areas of committee and work group service, teaching, community outreach and involvement, and youth activities. A detailed list of Judge Chung’s professional and community activities is posted at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Other performance indicators:** The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Chung, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified her from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Chung performed well in these areas.

### Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Chung



Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)